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Your 2496.

Berlin Contingency Planning

Embassies' recommendations re identification and checkpoint procedures discussed with British and French Ambassadors here May 11.

We pointed out important issues remain to be resolved: (1) whether as last resort Allied movement should submit to unacceptable GDR demand to extricate self from Zone, (2) whether, in non-agency situation, we should identify movements by handing over duplicate, prestamped copies of movement orders at each checkpoint (alternative one) or simply by marking vehicles (alternative two), and (3) if alternative one adopted, whether movement orders should be prepared for movement as whole or for individuals.

We said we thought these issues could be ironed out in further discussions at Bonn and proposed send instructions for this purpose.

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Re QUOTE last resort UNQUOTE submission to GDR demands, we said we thought that procedures would have to be defined more precisely and that provision should probably be made for waiting period, e.g. 48 hours.

Re non-agency situation we said we inclined to alternative one.

Re form of movement order for alternative one, we said matter should be discussed further at Bonn.

French Ambassador confirmed French now prepared accept alternative one.

Instructions and comments on Bonn's 2498 and 2461 will follow.

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